including retired officials. Officials violating confidentiality are suitably dealt with.

Damage to Thermal Power Project due to fire at Ammunition Depot in Rajasthan

3400. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire at arms ammunition depot in Rajasthan is danger to the first super thermal power project in the State;

(b) whether it is also fact that State has high stake in 650MW power project; and

(c) the extent of damage caused to this thermal power project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) One Thermal Power Plant viz. Suratgarh Thermal Power Plant is located approximately 12 Kilometers from 2 Ammunition Sub Depot (24 Filed Ammunition Depot), Birdhwal (Ganganagar). In case of any fire incident in this Depot, it would not endanger the safety of this Thermal Plant. According to Army Headquarters, no damage has taken place to this Thermal Power Plant due to the fire which broke out in 2 ammunition Sub Depot (24 Field Ammunition Depot), Birdhwal (Ganganagar) on 24.5.2001.

Agreement between India and Pakistan

3401. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreements were signed between the democratically elected Governments of Pakistan and India at any point of time during the last decade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) The following are the significant bilateral agreements/documents signed by India and Pakistan between 1991 and 2001;

April 1991	—	Agreement between India and Pakistan on Advance Notice of Military Exercises, Manoeuvres and Troops Movements (6.4.1991)

	—	Agreement between India and Pakistan on Prevention of Air Space Violations and for Permitting overflights and landings by Military Aircrafts. (6.4.1991)
August 1992	—	Joint Declaration by the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Complete Prohibiton of Chemical Weapons (19.8.1992)
	—	Code of Conduct for Treatment of Diplomatic/Consular personnel in India and Pakistan. 19.8.1992)
December 1998	—	An Agreement on Delhi-Lahore Bus service (3.12.99)
February 1999	—	Lahore Declaration (21.2.99)
	—	Memorandum of Understanding (21.2.99)
	—	Joint Statement (21.2.99)

People to People Relations between India and Pakistan

3402. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a number of steps to enhance peopole to people relations between India and Pakistan prior to Indo-Pak Summit in mid July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the major steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether Pakistan has reciprocated thereto; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) Government are of the view that steps that promote people-to-people contacts between India and Pakistan, will contribute to our desire to establish peaceful, friendly and cooperative ties with Pakistan.

On 4th July 2001, Government announced that 20 scholarships in Indian technical institutes would be offered to students from Pakistan; Pakistani poets, academics,writers and artistes will be invited individually